



Homework at Castle Wood

At Castle Wood Academy, we base our approach on research showing that traditional homework may not significantly impact children's academic progress. Instead, we encourage parents and children to engage in activities that foster a love of learning and reinforce key skills. Rather than setting formal homework, we ask families to focus on reading together at home, practising Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) and working on the spelling of words from the year group spelling lists. These activities are designed to support your child's development in a relaxed and enjoyable way, helping them build confidence and essential skills.



Reading

In EYFS children will be provided with sound cards until they move on to RWI books.

Children on the RWI phonics scheme will bring home a book from their phonics group.

Children who are no longer accessing the RWI scheme will bring home a reading for pleasure book. They should bring this book to school each day and ensure it is returned to school when they have finished with it.

We encourage children to read at home daily.



Spelling

Copies of the spelling lists for Years 1 – 6 are available on the school website. We encourage children to practise spelling these words at home. Maybe choose a few each week to focus on.



Maths

Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) are shared every half term. We encourage you to share and practise these at home with your child/ren.